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ANNEX II

B-26 AIRCRAFT IN LATIN AMERICA

The B-26 was developed during World War II as a low-level attack bomber. It compares favorably in terms of bomb load and combat radius with the IL-28. The B-26 is a piston-engine aircraft, however, and it cannot operate at either the altitude or speed of the twin-jet Soviet bomber.

Comparative statistics on the two aircraft follow:

	<u>IL-28</u>	<u>B-26</u>
Bomb load	4,400 lbs.	4,000 lbs.
Combat radius	700 n.m.	800 n.m.
Maximum speed at optimum altitude	460 kts/ 15,000 ft.	300 kts/ 10,000 ft.

A total of 116 B-26 aircraft are in the air forces of Latin American countries, including Cuba:

Cuba	17	Dominican Republic	5
Brazil	27	Guatemala	8
Chile	29	Nicaragua	4
Colombia	9	Peru	17

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